

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

October 16, 2007

**7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were thirteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O’Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault

Absent: Alderman Forest

Mayor Guinta advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to three minutes if everybody could keep it to three minutes because we’re going to go probably beyond the half hour so I want to give everyone the opportunity to speak but when the Clerk calls 2.5 and then 3 minutes if you could stop at 3 minutes so we can get to the next person to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair. Mayor Guinta requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Nancy Ouellet, 22 Winthrop Street, Manchester, NH (Re: Transfer Station), stated:

I do live on Winthrop Street, which is very close to Brown Avenue adjacent to the Brown Avenue Industrial Park. I’m here to speak about the recycling snafu before us. I live in a world of trains, planes and automobiles, a firing range, a sewage treatment plant, businesses that allow their trucks to invade our neighborhood to avoid getting stuck in traffic on Brown Avenue not to forget there’s a \$300 fine if caught but that doesn’t bother UPS and the telephone company. Mr. Hirschmann made a comment in *The Union Leader* recently. Contrary to what Mr. Hirschmann thinks about how happy the neighbors near the Brown Avenue Industrial Park would be if we could only get this transfer station...who knows who. Well I’m here to say no...I say it and I mean it...no we don’t want anything else entrusted upon us. Corcoran Environmental Services we don’t want you in our neighborhood...enough is enough. And, Mr. Mayor, I or I should say we the concerned neighbors would like to know just where you stand on this issue. We have Betsi DeVries on our side and members of Ward 8 will stand behind her endeavors in the next election but we are not so sure about you. It’s an even deal. You stand behind us...you get the foolish idea

of a transfer station away from the Brown Avenue area and we will remember that at election time. Your help can make this just another bad dream for us...enough is enough. And I thank you.

Adair Turcotte, 28 Gay Street, Manchester, NH (Re: Traffic/Brown Avenue/Recycling), stated:

I'm here because I am concerned about the parking lot traffic and Brown Avenue is a parking lot at least seven hours a day. The Traffic Department knows that, the Police Department knows that, Betsi knows that, most of your Aldermen know that because I've been screaming. I have bought the industrial area. Just yesterday as I was turning down Greenleaf Street which is the only egress off of Brown Avenue that is residential there was a huge tractor truck...I don't know how many wheels there were I did not count...I had to move out of the way to get there. Now there are three residences, four residences on Greenleaf Street, there are three residents on Winthrop Street and there's one (me) on Gay Street...none of us had deliveries that day. At least between four-thirty and five-thirty sometimes quarter of eight, quarter of nine PM sometimes early in the morning you are going to find the box trucks go right by the \$300 fine sign on my end of Gay Street and onto Greenleaf Street to eliminate the horrible backlog of traffic that is on Raymond Street trying to get onto Brown Avenue...AM and PM. Those box trucks include UPS, Sears, Verizon, FedEx doesn't even have any business down there anymore and they don't make their daily deliveries to our neighborhood anyhow. So given that keeping in mind that as an educator I grew up with and I'm giving my age away, Mr. Shea, the 3 R's about 30 years ago we were also teaching the 3 R's...I was known as Miss Earth Day not because of a contest but because of the involvement in Earth Days at school for the 3 R's of recycling...reduce, reuse, reduce, recycle...so I am definitely pro recycling my problem is we cannot afford any more vehicles, heavy duty traffic on Brown Avenue and the northern part of Gay Street and if we do have Corcoran there unless you send them in by helicopter or Santa Claus' sleigh I don't know how you're going to get there unless they could deliver at midnight...that would be good because that's about the only time but then again the neighbors would complain because of the noise not only from the airport but also from the additional trucks. So I don't mean to make light of this I'm really very concerned. So please help us, help us to eliminate the traffic on Brown Avenue not add to it.

Melissa Royer, 54 Allen Street, Manchester, NH (Re: Internet Safety), stated:

I am the sole proprietor of Defender Data Recovery and Forensic Services. In June of this year my company was contracted by the U. S. Attorney's office here in New Hampshire to perform 21 internet safety seminars to community members both adults and children. I've been offering two seminars to the general public and one to law enforcement specifically those who are in contact with children. The kids seminar which is targeted at youth from 11 to 18 and is entitled "Kids Against On-line Predators" covers an array of topics from illegal downloads to grooming techniques used by sexual predators to the hazards of leaving family and personal itineraries on away messages and MySpace web pages. We go onto the cover

the issue of cyber billing, which has both legal and emotional consequences for children and their parents. The adult training entitled “Parents In Charge” is a skill set that teaches parents what folders to look in, what buttons to push, etc. and so forth to enable them to keep their families safe and finally we cover the dangers they inadvertently invite into their home and neighborhood by not securing their wireless access points. All of us here have heard disturbing stories by the media about on-line predators, however, there are none as disturbing as the fact when children are asked if you meet someone on line and something goes wrong and you or your friend gets hurt whose fault is it. all the children up to age of 18 all think it’s their fault and state openly that they will not tell an adult of the incident for fear of punishment. Nearly all children that I have talked to have been approached in a sexual manner or know somebody who has and nearly all children have at least 200 buddies on their buddy list. Recently I had the opportunity to speak with several captains of neighborhood watch groups. I am told that our city streets are being marked with the letters WCL...this stands for Wireless Connection Location...this concern prompted me to investigate and with the permission of Kevin Smith Manchester’s IT guy for the School District I tested out some of the connection abilities that would allow someone to gain access to our student body. I will not share that information here though I have it in a report if anybody wants it because needless to say I was able to turn off a router completely in one school, gain access to a computer in another school and subsequently access student names...I was able to find out most of the names of the computers in the Manchester School District domain as well as the IP addressing scheme if anybody understands what that means and this is all due to open wireless connections and very minimal skill. I’ve come here tonight hoping that you will help me find the funding I need to continue to educate all members of our community to help eradicate the lack of knowledge that allows these crimes to go undetected. I would also like you to come to my next parent training at Central High School on October 23rd at six-thirty where you yourself can gain the knowledge so that together we’re able to stop all forms of on-line abuse. Thank you.

Ginger Ferrer, 521 Pine Street, Manchester, NH (Re: Codes/Housing), stated:

With all due respect I am here to ask yet again what consists of minimum housing code enforcement as repeatedly offered as an excuse by Commissioner LaFreniere and some of the building inspectors not only of this City but some inspectors at the federal level of subsidized housing. The article in this week’s *Union Leader* profiling the seemingly callus disregard for tenants concerns not only by the owners of the profiled properties but the City department defies understanding. How many more lives must be lost or injured, how many more times will non-compliant property owners be awarded code compliance certificates when it is glaringly apparent that their properties are not up to code. Please do not use the excuse that the tenants are destroying property...there are legal measures to remedy that situation. What is the excuse of roaches rotting staircases that by the way take a long time to get that way...plumbing leaks and a host of other code violations that appeared to get the go ahead for the various inspectors who are supposed to bring solutions to these long-term violations. How does a property owner gain a right to this certificate that implies for all

intents and purposes that the property is safe and habitable...more like a red herring if you will. How many tragedies have to continue to occur before positive solutions are brought forth and enforced. If the current code and variance book is out of date then update it, bring it into the current climate of need and repair. Some citizens of this community are getting the shortest end of the stick. I could almost guarantee that Leon LaFreniere and other inspectors of this City do not live in the minimal housing conditions that there are no roaches, rotting stairways, floorings, leaks or any of the type of negative housing conditions where they live. I could say the same about the older members sitting here this evening. Some in this community appear to judge the law according to their acceptance or unacceptance of it but the law is the law plain and simple...follow the law, be code compliant, do not issue code compliance certificates to owners who are not code compliant be it an alleged powerful member of the real estate community or a simple property owner and last but certainly not least again I pose this additional question. What about firefighters who may one day have to answer the call to one of these non code compliant properties, how many firefighters have lost their lives answering the call to a fire when years of neglect and non code compliance made that building vulnerable to almost immediate collapse on itself while firefighters are inside trying to put the fire out. When are building inspectors going to be held accountable for what can easily be construed as a criminal act. When any one individual contributes to the injury or life taking of another they must answer for this legal misdeed. Thank you.

Glenn Ouellette, 112 auburn Street, Manchester, NH (Re: taxes), stated:

When is enough is enough. A \$60.00 tax cut if we even get it. It's going to cost us eighty just to start next year because that one time funding is not going to exist next year...that's a nice political move by you guys, very nice. But I'm not sure it's going to work. Aldermen who are running for Aldermen...specifically those at the ward level those are the ones I'm talking about. How many of you have been here so long that your butt is stuck to your seat and you feel so comfortable that you will not debate the issues with the public. You are running for office to serve the public of your wards and you refuse to debate the issues...shame on you, shame on you. This is a non-partisan election, why can't it be that way. Why do the politics of indifference in this City have to be so strong and dirty and hurt the very public in our City. Another thing you've been inviting this past year people to this City from the outside who are non-desirable...you get money under contracts to bring in people from jails who don't even live in this City who are sex offenders...when is enough is enough? Tax rates...why is it that this City since 2001 that I've been trying to get a flat tax on. When I started in 2001 residential taxpayers were paying 52% of the taxes...commercial/industrial were paying 45...excuse me 48%. Today in 2007 residential are paying 62%...an increase but the property owners of the commercial and the industrials have gone down to 45%...that is an injustice. Every five years when we have been revalued why is it that we see commercial after commercial or industrial properties get tax cuts...I call it a tax cut because their valuation goes down instead of up even though the properties are fairly new. I don't see residential properties having such drastic tax cuts. Where is fairness.

The last thing I want to say is housing...people are beginning to wonder where the trust in our government has gone too. All year we hear about how we don't have enough City housing inspectors...well the rules are not being enforced by everyone. Why should a landlord or you people according to the by-laws of the ordinances have told them that you suspend their certificate of compliance...why is it that three months later that apartment buildings are still full of people...why should we the poor people have to live in conditions that are not suitable for you people...you certainly wouldn't do it. It's time that you tell your department your inspectors in your housing department to do their job and stop saying oh I'll take care of it, I'll decide who should pay a fine and who shouldn't...that's not democracy. Thank you.

Renie Denton, MCRC, 177 Lake Avenue, Manchester, NH (Re: Substations), stated:
I'm the Executive Director of the Manchester Community Resource Center. One of the programs within our facility is the substation. I know there's been a lot of debate lately on whether or not there's effectiveness and efficiency within our substations I'm here to tell you there is. There was an article in *The Union Leader* the other day that only spoke the half-truth and I'm here to tell you the rest of it. I had a 15-minute conversation with a reporter...he asked me why MCRC substation or the Lake Avenue substation is different from the other three. I gave him all the reasons why we were the same...they have full access to the facility 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, there's a private area for each of the officers, the facility is equipped with the Manchester Police Department's computers, Hi Leads is in this facility, they have a police line that if it's not answered in the substation it goes directly to the Police Department. The police officers can come in and write their reports, have their meals and have a private place to speak to anybody who might enter while they're there to do interviews. How we're different at the Manchester Community Resource Center for the Lake Avenue substation it's not staffed by any volunteers it's staffed by my staff...we're a non-profit organization but believe that we need to give back to this community. We don't charge the Manchester Police Department any rent, we don't charge them any utilities, they can come and go as they please. My staff are the greeters. We're open approximately 45 hours a week...that's a lot more than what was mentioned in the newspaper wasn't it. I don't think you even knew that from the newspaper article. When a resident comes in and they have a concern and they have to speak to a police officer they meet my staff or they meet with me. Generally it's not a police issue...their neighbors dog was left out all day long, what do they do...why would we bring in a police officer for that one. My neighbor put out a couch last week and it hasn't been picked up...that's not a police issue...leave the police officers on the street. Another one...my eight year old is out of control what do I do...that's not a police issue...let's give them the resources they need. When they enter into the Manchester Resource Community Center to see a police officer they're greeted by a human services provider somebody who's trained with these resources. If somebody comes in with a domestic violence issue we will call the Police Department...we're not trained on the computer...I choose not to be trained on the computers...that's a police issue. They'll come in and they'll take the report. I'm proud of

what the Manchester Community Resource does and I'm really proud of the substation. Think about the definition of substation...do you want it to house your police officers and have another location for a police department or do you want them in and out of there and out on the streets. When you choose your volunteers please choose somebody who's capable of providing and assessing their needs. Thank you for your time.

Billy Dodd, Ward 7, Manchester, NH (Re: City-wide), stated:

Interesting little book I picked up at Barnes & Nobles...humorous reading...“What's Your Food Telling You” and when I read this book I didn't think about the wastewater treatment plant off of Brown Avenue or the two-holer behind my grandmother's barn. I thought about the bureaucracy of the City here and how sometime sit seems like that track that runs through the bureaucracy and it's not working too good. The ballpark and payments...we had this kind of an audit done on that but I understand that there's a three year credit that the real estate companies had to take out down there to cover the shortfall but somebody voted that that didn't have to be renewed once it ran out...that's what I was told. Money's set aside for the north portion of Riverwalk...are they still in place or have they been used for something else like the funds for Mr. Pinard's Rockingham Trail got used for something else. I think we need a more detailed audit on a lot of things...consistency...it's not happening. West side police station open two days and we need more police officers...couple of articles in the paper. Police substation didn't have anybody to put in it so that tells me that was probably political ink. Need more police officers...\$100,000 for overtime for extra shifts and we bring in state police and FBI...who's paying their money...their agencies or us. How about the reserve officers the City used to have, why did they get rid of them...\$100,000 could probably hire two more full-time officers. Eight hundred thousand dollars for radios okay...a critical need for radios. The Police Department only wanted to replace 50 of them and 50 next year and 50 the next year...they were going to use those critical radios for another two to four years and they wanted to replace them in increments but you guys voted to replace them all at one time...\$800,000 and then said find the money somewhere but I hope when you go out for new radios that you request better RFP's with a longer life expectancy of five to seven years...not a lot of consistency. Manchester business development needs a helping hand from City hall...Corcoran Environmental...there was a time when you were going to build a senior center you kind of forgot a parcel of land that you had off of Wellington Road have you forgotten about the 30 acres or so that you have over off of East Industrial Park Drive...not going to bother any houses over there. Signs...a new pilot program...you're going to put signs, get rid of a lot of signs and you're going to put up bigger signs and it may not happen until next spring. Well somebody's been spending some of your money already because these signs are already up. I've got one right across the street from my house on Candia Road and there's another one across from Bakersville School on Queen City Avenue...some pilot program and my last one real quick is my noise from motorcycles okay. There seems to be a lot of run around about why we're not getting our decibel meters certified and why they're not being used. I know when I was a cop their radar units got certified every six months by the state police and you checked them every

day...is a decibel meter any different. We have a law on the books...state police must be certifying their own decibel meters...it doesn't take a whole lot to do it. A little bit of consistency will go a long way. Thank you.

Mayor Guinta recessed the special meeting to allow the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to come to order.

Mayor Guinta called the special meeting back to order.

Calum McNeil, Ward 7, Manchester, NH (Re: City-wide), stated:

I'm here to dispel three quick lies that I can quickly run through here. The first one if we can all think back to Columbus and the fact that the world is round. Today I want to bring you another lie that the fact that Pangia is real. There is no one super continent...100 million years ago the earth slowly started growing. Today we're living in a place that was is two-thirds the size that it was...been doing research on line, the best place to do this would be to go on Utube and type in it's a fact the earth is growing there's a half-hour tutorial about it, it's a quick interesting thing. The second thing I want to talk about today is 911 the fact that it is a government sponsored set up, a piece of BS. The first thing I'm going to start with is gravity...we all know how gravity works...at one second something falls at 33 feet per second, second second 66, third second is 99...these are rounded off it's actually 9.8 meters per second but we're just going to use feet because it's hard to talk about...a full second is 132. The World Trade Center you drop a bowling ball, you take away air and you get max mass and you're going to hit the ground. It takes 9.6 seconds to the ground...that's a very important number because we all saw the World Trade Center fall...the first one fell in 10.2 second, the second one fell in 10.4 seconds...why is this important because we all know how it happened...there was a pancaking effecting...one fell into the other floor. This floor that it actually fell on was a lot harder than air resistance it would have been impossible for the two buildings to fall in 10.4 and 10.2 seconds just because what we know about the law of gravity. It would never have had the time to pick up the velocity to reach the ground in 10.2 or 10.4 second it's such physically impossible. Either Newton's telling a lie or somebody else is telling a lie. I'm sure everybody has seen the hole in the Pentagon...four news crews...NBC, ABC, CNN and MSNBC all pull up within ten minutes of the plane hitting (whatever) it's very interesting because we have this hole that is 15 feet wide exactly. Both windows are fully intact on either side of the hole...why is this important because the plane that ran into the building has a wing span of 22 feet between 5 tons of engines...5 tons on each side...5 tons travelling at 500 mph slamming into the Pentagon leaving the windows fully intact...how is this possible? Everybody says I don't understand why...when you do your research check out building No. 7. The reason why everything happened here is building No. 7 it holds all of the dot com hidden files...the reason why everybody in this room lost around twenty to fifty thousand dollars when dot com bubble popped...where did that money go, it didn't go anywhere, it had to go somewhere, it just didn't disappear into this magical hole called depression, it went into someone's pocket and that was under

investigation by the FBI. The last lie that I want to dispel today is the fact that energy can not be created. We're living in a beautiful day and age...the thing is I can come up here and say this in front of everybody. We can't create energy folks, it's not a big deal. I have a small prototype at my house it's called a magnetic rotary engine, it's not a big deal...everybody should look into this...everybody knows about this. Do we want to be the place that stifles its scientific or do you want to be in a place that creates scientific innovation. We have a real opportunity with Bedford and Manchester to step up and that's where we should be stepping into. Mr. Shea I love your haircut, shame on your Mr. Smith you need to debate, shame on your Mrs. Betsi DeVries you are a pathetic person...

Mayor Guinta interjected that's out of order.

Ms. McNeil stated I'm sorry I didn't know the rules.

Mayor Guinta stated the three minutes are up so thank you very much.

There being no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk